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SUB: BILATERAL CIVIL AIR TALKS AND CONTINUED PANAM

SERVICE TO ACCRA

REF: A. ACCRA 2536 B. LONDON 5292

SUMMARY- COMMISSIONER FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LTC BAAH, MAY 9
STRONGLY EMPHASIZED GOG DISAPPOINTMENT AT RECENT UNSUCCESSFUL
CIVIL AVIATION TALKS IN ACCRA. HAVING MADE MAJOR EFFORT
TO KEEP TALKS GOING INFACE OF PRESSURES TO TERMINATE PANAM
LANDING RIGHTS IN ACCRA, BAAH FEELS BADLY LET DOWN. FURTHER
CONSIDERATION OF TERMINATING PANAM'S LANDING RIGHTS IS GOING
TO TAKE PLACE. UNLESS A FORMULA WHICH RECOGNIZES RECIPROCITY
AND THE RIGHT OF GHANA AIRWAYS TO LAND IN U.S. IS ACHIEVED
(EVEN IF NOT ACTUALLY OPERATED BY GOG), THE PROSPECTS FOR
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CONTINUED PANAM OPERATION IN ACCRA ARE LIMITED AT BEST. END

SUMMAR..

1. IN COURSE OF TOUR D'HORIZON COMMISSIONER FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LTC BAAH, MAY 9, QUESTION OF AVIATION TALKS CAME UP A I HAD ANTICIPATED. I REPEATED ARGUMENTS OUTLINED REFTEL B AND ADDED STRONG PERSONAL HOPE THAT TALKS COULD CONTINUE IN DUE COURSE, POSSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED VISIT NEW COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, COL. AGYEKUM, TO STATES LATER THIS SUMMER. (INCIDENTALLY, BAAH OPPOSES AGYEKUM'S VISIT EARLY IN HIS NEW TOUR OF DUTY.)

2. BAAH HIT ME VERY HARD USING SAME POINTS PRINSEC QUARM MADE TO ME YESTERDAY. HE REPEATEDLY STATED THAT PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, EVEN THOUGH AT THIS TIME RIGHTS TO LAND IN NEW YORK WOULD BE SYMBOLIC. HE FELT U.S. WAS DISCRIMINATING AGAINST GHANA IN VIEW OF ZAIRE AND MOROCCO AGREEMENTS. HE MADE SEVERAL REFERENCES TO FACT THAT HE PERSONALLY STAVED OFF TERMINATION PANAM LANDING RIGHTS IN RECENT PAST, AND STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT GIVEN RESULTS OF RECENT TALKS, HE WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO TAKE SIMILAR STAND IN FUTURE. AGRUMENTS CONTAINED PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL B MADE NO IMPRESSION WHATSOEVER.

3. COMMENT: THE LOGICAL CONSLUSION OF THESE CONVERSATIONS IS THAT SOONER OR LATER PANAM RIGHTS WILL BE TERMINATED IN ACCRA IF SYMBOLIC ACCESS BY GHANA AIRWAYS TO LANDING RIGHTS IN

U.S. IS NOT GRANTED.
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